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MARA HITE
Bank-robbing Murderess

SLIPPERY AS EELS, ELUSIVE AS SHADOWS, MARA HITE AND HER GUN-HAPPY HUSBAND WERE BANK ROBBERS! THEIR UTTER DISREGARD FOR THE LAW COULD BRING THEM BUT ONE END — EXTERMINATION BY THE FORCES OF JUSTICE ...

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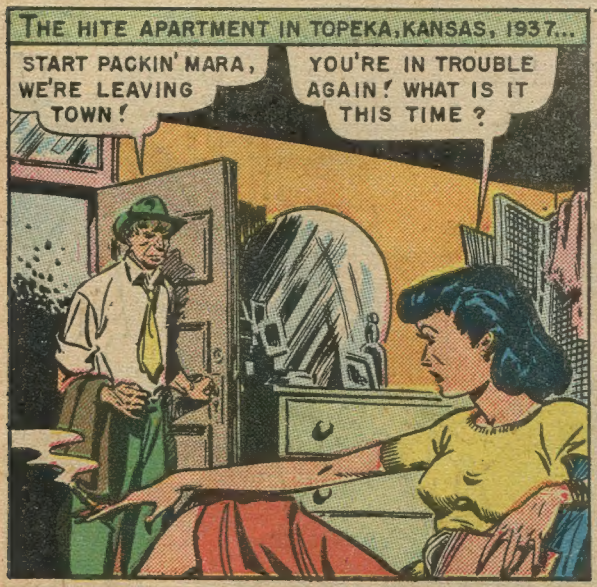


MARA MEANT EVERY WORD! THREE WEEKS LATER AT STONER, MINNESOTA...
I HOPE MIKE DOESN'T BLOW UP! IF HE DOES IT'S CURTAINS! HE COULD BE THE ONLY FLAW IN MY PLAN...

FILL IT UP, PAL, AND DO IT FAST! I GOT ITCHY FINGERS!
I...I... ULP! Y-YES, SIR...

A STICK-UP! THAT GUY MUST BE CRAZY... I'LL...
DON'T TOUCH IT, MISTER, OR YOU ARE A DEAD MAN!

LIE FACE DOWN... AND DON'T MOVE OR I'LL SHOOT YOU!
OKAY, KID, I GOT IT! LET'S GO!

BUT JUST AS THEY REACH THE DOOR...
DIRTY CROOKS! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH... UHHHH!
YOU ASKED FOR IT, MISTER!

A MOMENT LATER THEY SPED AWAY DOWN MAIN STREET IN A HAIL OF LEAD...
AIM FOR THE TIRES! THAT'LL STOP 'EM!
THEY KILLED THE GUARD!
BANK

A WEEK LATER, THEY WERE AT IT AGAIN. THIS TIME IN ELKTON SOUTH DAKOTA...
REACH! HIGH! GET 'EM UP, EVERYBODY!
GET GOING, MIKE! I'LL DROP THE FIRST ONE THAT GIVES US ANY TROUBLE!
ELKTON BANK

YOU! GET THAT VAULT OPEN!
I--I CAN'T! IT WORKS ON A TIME LOCK! IT WON'T OPEN TILL NINE-THIRTY!
WE'LL WAIT! WATCH THE DOORS, MIKE. IT'S ONLY TEN MINUTES!
MANAGER

FINALLY, THE LOCK OPENED...
JUST HAND OUT GREENBACKS! WE DON'T WANT SILVER!
I'LL GET IT! I'LL GET IT!

AS THE MANAGER FILLED THE BAG ONE OF THE CUSTOMERS COULDSTAND IT NO LONGER...
LET ME OUT! EEEE! LET ME OUT!
SHUT UP! I'M WARNING YOU!...

I OUGHT TO KILL YOU!
AHHHH!

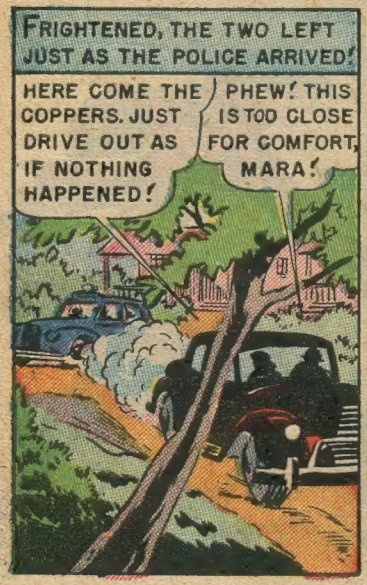
MARA! WHAT HAPPENED?
TAKE IT EASY! IT WAS JUST A DAME THAT WENT OFF HER ROCKER.

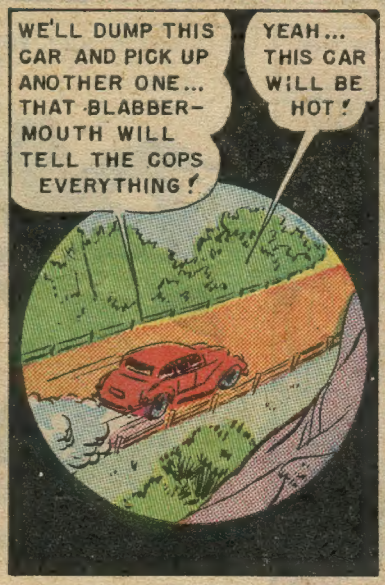
AFTER THAT JOB THE TWO HID OUT NEAR TOPEKA. THE POLICE OF FIVE STATES AND THE F.B.I. WERE ON THEIR TRAIL! IN THE NEXT CABIN...
WHERE DID I SEE THEM BEFORE? PAPERS? THAT'S WHERE IT WAS! I BETTER PHONE THE POLICE!
OFFICE
CABINS

MOMENTS LATER...
... I'M SURE! THEY FIT THE DESCRIPTIONS PERFECTLY! THEY'RE THE BANK-ROBBERS, ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE SENDIN' MEN OUT? GOOD, I'LL BE WAITIN'!

THEN FATE TOOK A HAND...
I WISH THE COPS WOULD GET HERE... WHA--? IT'S THEM! THE BANK-ROBBERS! DON'T SHOOT ME!
HE KNOWS US!
OFFICE

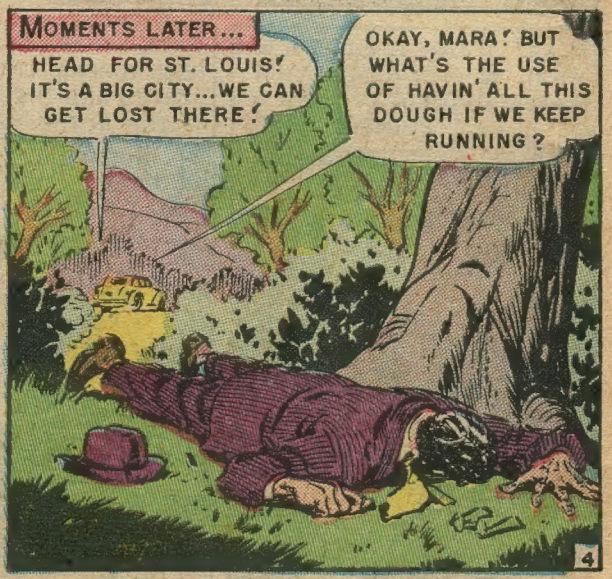
KEEP AWAY! KEEP AWAY! ...UNHH!
THE HALF-WIT WAS SO SCARED HE GAVE HIMSELF AWAY!
YEAH! AND WE ONLY CAME TO BORROW SOME SUGAR!


FRIGHTENED, THE TWO LEFT JUST AS THE POLICE ARRIVED!
HERE COME THE COPPERS. JUST DRIVE OUT AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED!
PHEW! THIS IS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT, MARA!


WE'LL DUMP THIS CAR AND PICK UP ANOTHER ONE... THAT BLABBER-MOUTH WILL TELL THE COPS EVERYTHING!
YEAH... THIS CAR WILL BE HOT!

DITCHING THEIR OWN CAR, THE PAIR PULLED AN OLD RUSE...
ANYTHING WRONG, YOUNG MAN?
MY WIFE SPRAINED HER ANKLE...

I'LL HELP YOU GET HER TO MY CAR AND... AGHH...
SHOVE HIM INTO THE BUSHES, AND LET'S GO! THOSE COPS MIGHT BE HERE ANY MINUTE!


MOMENTS LATER...
HEAD FOR ST. LOUIS! IT'S A BIG CITY... WE CAN GET LOST THERE!
OKAY, MARA! BUT WHAT'S THE USE OF HAVIN' ALL THIS DOUGH IF WE KEEP RUNNING?

ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ST. LOUIS A MOTORCYCLE COP RECOGNIZED THE STOLEN CAR...
EEEEEEEEEEEEEE
STEP ON IT, MIKE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE COPPER!
YOU BETTER! IF THAT MONKEY GETS US, WE'RE SUNK!

KEEP HER STEADY, MIKE! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO STOP HIM!
YOU'RE CRAZY, MARA! KILLING A COP IS SERIOUS BUSINESS!

I'M NOT SHOOTING HIM. I'M WRECKING HIS MACHINE...
POW

AAAGH!
OKAY, MIKE, SLOW DOWN AND RIDE INTO TOWN LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED... THAT COP WILL NEVER TALK!

BUT THIS TIME MARA FIGURED WRONG! THE COP LIVED TO MAKE A REPORT TO THE F.B.I...
...AND THAT'S ALL I KNOW!
THAT'S PLENTY! WE'VE GOT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CAR, THE PLATE NUMBERS. WE'LL GET THEM!

UNAWARE OF THE SEARCH FOR THEM, THE TWO KILLERS HID OUT IN ST. LOUIS ...THE FOLLOWING WEEK...
WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD, BILL?
LOCAL POLICE JUST SPOTTED OUR BANK ROBBERS GOING INTO A MID-TOWN JOINT!
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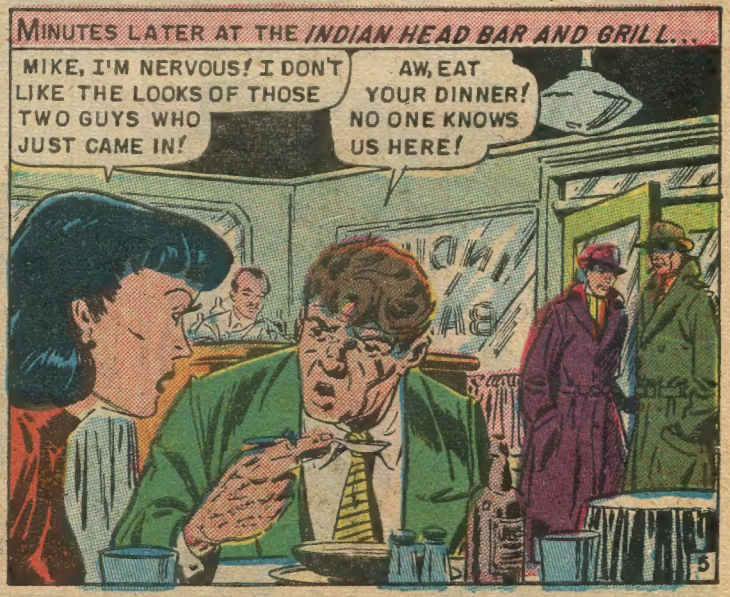
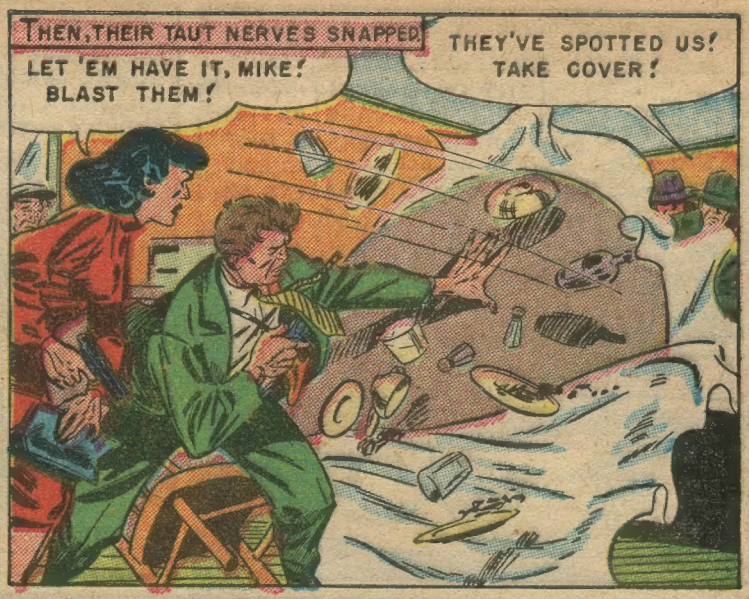

MINUTES LATER AT THE INDIAN HEAD BAR AND GRILL...
MIKE, I'M NERVOUS! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THOSE TWO GUYS WHO JUST CAME IN!
AW, EAT YOUR DINNER! NO ONE KNOWS US HERE!

THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY! THEY'RE COPS! I CAN SMELL THEM A MILE AWAY!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?


THEN, THEIR TAUT NERVES SNAPPED
LET 'EM HAVE IT, MIKE! BLAST THEM!
THEY'VE SPOTTED US! TAKE COVER!

PLUG 'EM! WE'LL BLAST OUR WAY OUT!
SHOOT RIGHT THROUGH THE TABLE!

A MOMENT LATER...
AAAAAGHHHH!
ALL RIGHT, SISTER, COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

I'M COMING OUT! DON'T SHOOT! DON'T SHOOT!
IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN YOU'RE THE TARGET, EH?

YOU CAN'T TAKE ME! YOU CAN'T! THEY'LL KILL ME! NO! NO!
ALL RIGHT, COME ALONG!

A FEW MONTHS LATER, IN FEDERAL COURT...
IT IS MY DUTY, MARA HITE, TO SENTENCE YOU TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1938!
AND SO, ONE MORE EVIL PAIR PAID FOR THEIR ILL GOTTEN GAINS! IN THE END... THEIR ONLY PROFIT WAS... DEATH...!
THE END.

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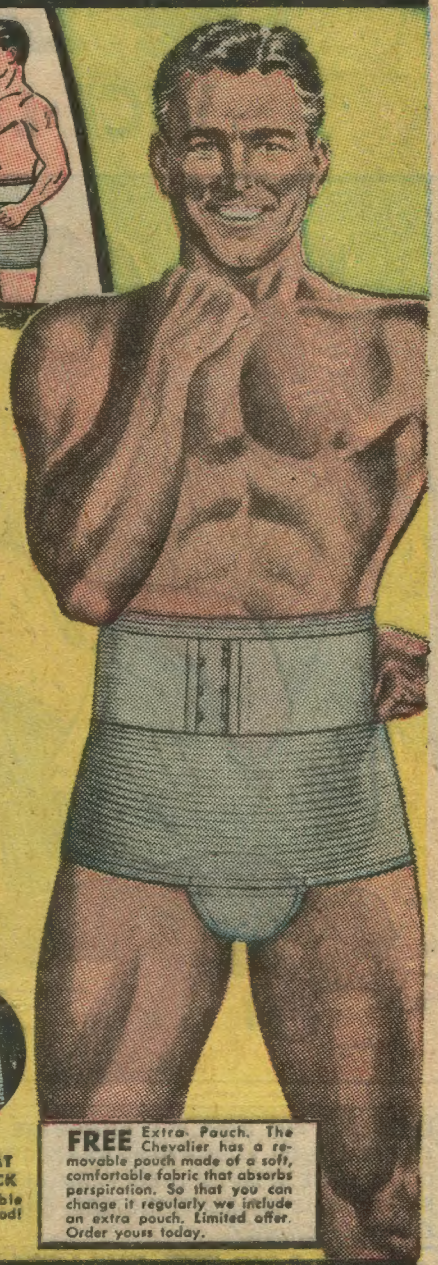

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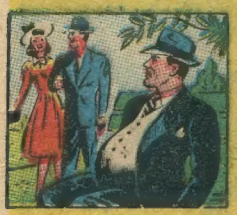

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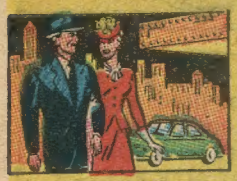

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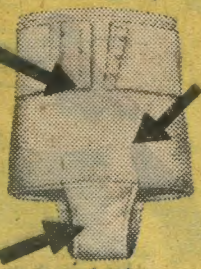

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The ELKINS BOYS..
VICE-LORDS of CRIME

CRIME IS NOT ALWAYS A PRODUCT OF THE BIG CITY. THIS IS THE STORY OF THREE BROTHERS WHO LIVED IN THE COUNTRY AND BECAME VICIOUS KILLERS. THE TALE OF THEIR RISE AND FALL CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THAT OLD MOTTO — "CRIME DOES NOT PAY---*IT SLAYS!*"

Gustavita

YEAH! WELL, I *STILL* LIKE TO STICK WITH THE ORDINARY HEISTS WE PULL ON THE BACK ROADS! ZEKE, YOU GOT CHEATED!

AW— WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT? PEOPLE ARE SUCKERS FOR THIS JUNK, I TELL YA! WE'LL INSTALL THESE THINGS IN EVERY JOINT AROUND. THEN--- YOU'LL SEE!

IN 1931 SLOT MACHINES WERE RELATIVELY NEW IN THIS SMALL COUNTY. ZEKE ELKINS WAS A SMART OPERATOR! A FEW DAYS LATER, HE AND HIS BROTHERS OPENED "SHOP"...

FER THE LAST TIME, HANK, YOU PUTTING OUR MACHINES IN, OR AIN'T YOU?

WAL, BOYS, I DON'T KNOW...

MAYBE THIS'LL HELP YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND!

OW-W-W-W-W

DON'T MIND LEM, HANK! HE DON'T KNOW MANNERS! HE'D RUTHER BAT YOU ABOUT OR BASH YOUR HEAD IN... BUT HE DON'T NEED TO DO THAT, DOES HE?

N-NO... I'LL PUT IT IN...

THE ELKINS BOYS MADE THE ROUNDS, AND SOON THE COMMUNITY HAD A ONE-ARMED BANDIT IN ALMOST EVERY STORE OR TAVERN. AS ZEKE PREDICTED, THE GAMBLING CRAZE CAUGHT ON...

BRRRNG! CLATTER!

HEY, MAW! I WON! I *WON!* HE,HE,HE!

GOOD! LET THE SUCKERS PLAY... WE'LL BE ROLLING IN DOUGH!

FIXED MACHINE ODDS NEVER FAVOR THE PLAYERS... THE MONEY POURED IN...

YAAAHOOO! TEN--TWENTY--*THIRTY GRAND!* I GOTTA HAND IT TO YA, ZEKE! YOU SHORE TOLD US!

THAT'S NOT ALL, BOYS!

WAT D'YA MEAN --HIC-- THAT'S NOT ALL?

I GOT AN IDEA WORTH MORE THAN THIS SMALL-TIME STUFF! I GOT IT FROM THOSE CITY SLICKERS WHO SOLD ME THESE HERE CONTRAPTIONS!

NOT LONG AFTER THAT, ZEKE CONTACTED HIS CITY CONNECTIONS TO SELL HIM A CARGO OF BOOTLEG LIQUOR!

FIVE GEES *IN ADVANCE*, ELKINS, AND NO MONKEY BUSINESS!

YOUR CONFIDENCE IN US IS TOUCHING!

HIS NEXT STEP WAS THE BARS AND TAVERNS IN HIS OWN COMMUNITY. BUT SELLING LIQUOR WASN'T EASY—

NO, BOYS! I BUY FROM DOMINICK ROMANO—DOM WON'T LIKE IT! AND DON'T TRY TO FORCE ME. I GOT WITNESSES HERE!

WE AIN'T GONNA FORCE YOU, PAL! WE JUST WANTS YOU TO TASTE THIS HERE NICE LIQUOR!

KEEP YORE HANDS ON THE TABLE, GENTS!

UGH-- AAAGH!

GLUGG-UGGHH, ARRGH! COUGH!

KEEP FEEDING IT TO HIM, LEM! I JUST KNOW HE'S GONNA LIKE OUR LIQUOR!

YOU BET! CAUSE IF HE DOESN'T, WE'LL HAVE TA GIVE HIM SOME MORE!!

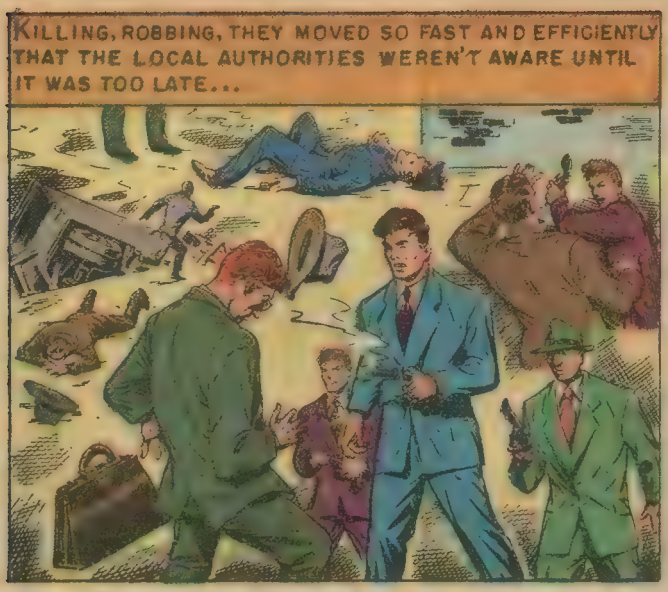
COUGH-COUGH-A-ALL RIGHT! YOU WIN-I'LL BUY--BUT IF ROMANO EVER FINDS OUT...

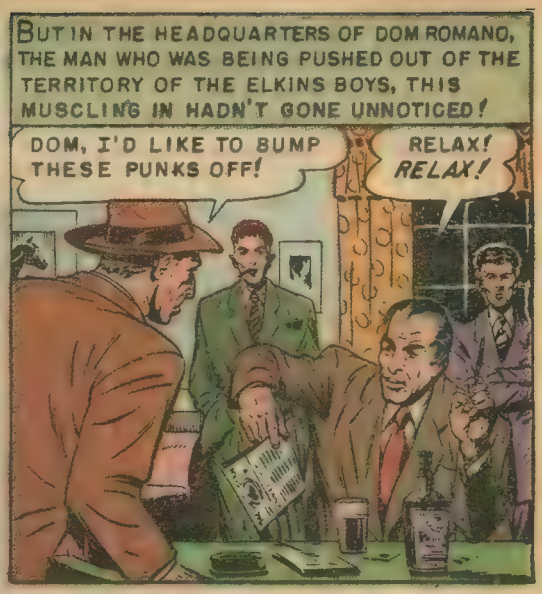
YOU LET US WORRY ABOUT HIM! AND REMEMBER-WE DIDN'T FORCE YOU TO BUY-- YOU JUST HAD A FRIENDLY LITTLE DRINK WITH US!

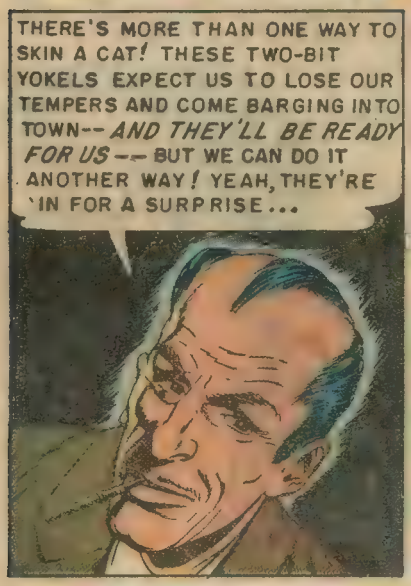
ZEKE, SPURRED ON BY GREED, NOW DECIDED TO MOVE IN ON DOM ROMANO, THE BIG CITY LIQUOR BARON, WHO WAS SUPPLYING ALL ADJOINING TOWNS WITH BOOTLEG STUFF---

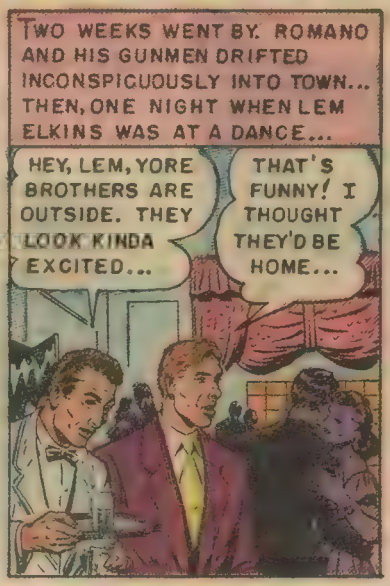
YAAAA-A

CHARLIE! LEM! MAKE IT FAST! *HURRY!*


KILLING, ROBBING, THEY MOVED SO FAST AND EFFICIENTLY THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WEREN'T AWARE UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE...


BUT IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF DOM ROMANO, THE MAN WHO WAS BEING PUSHED OUT OF THE TERRITORY OF THE ELKINS BOYS, THIS MUSCLING IN HADN'T GONE UNNOTICED!
DOM, I'D LIKE TO BUMP THESE PUNKS OFF!
RELAX! RELAX!


THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT! THESE TWO-BIT YOKELS EXPECT US TO LOSE OUR TEMPERS AND COME BARGING INTO TOWN-- AND THEY'LL BE READY FOR US -- BUT WE CAN DO IT ANOTHER WAY! YEAH, THEY'RE 'IN FOR A SURPRISE...

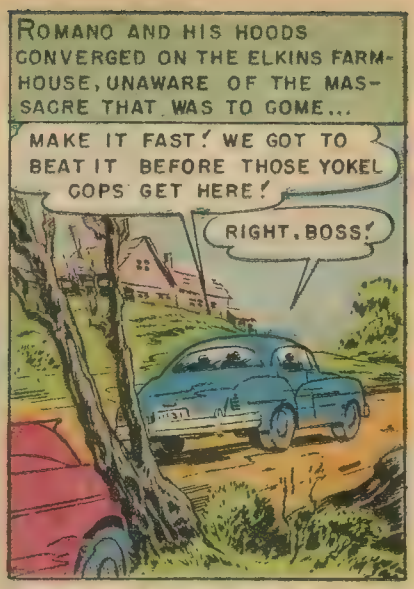

TWO WEEKS WENT BY. ROMANO AND HIS GUNMEN DRIFTED INCONSPICUOUSLY INTO TOWN... THEN, ONE NIGHT WHEN LEM ELKINS WAS AT A DANCE...
HEY, LEM, YORE BROTHERS ARE OUTSIDE. THEY LOOK KINDA EXCITED...
THAT'S FUNNY! I THOUGHT THEY'D BE HOME...

WHAT'S UP, BOYS? YOU SHOULDA PHONED ME. I'LL -- HEY! YOU'RE NOT--!
GIVE IT TO HIM, NOW!

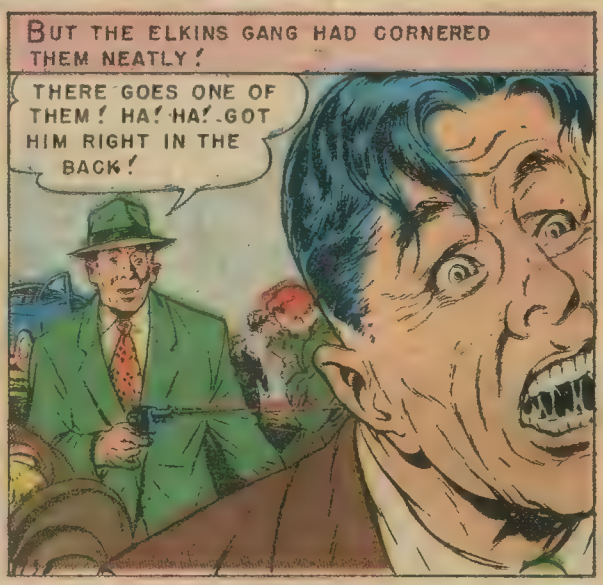
GOOD SHOOTING, MEN! NOW LET'S GET THE REST OF THIS LOUSY ELKINS FAMILY!

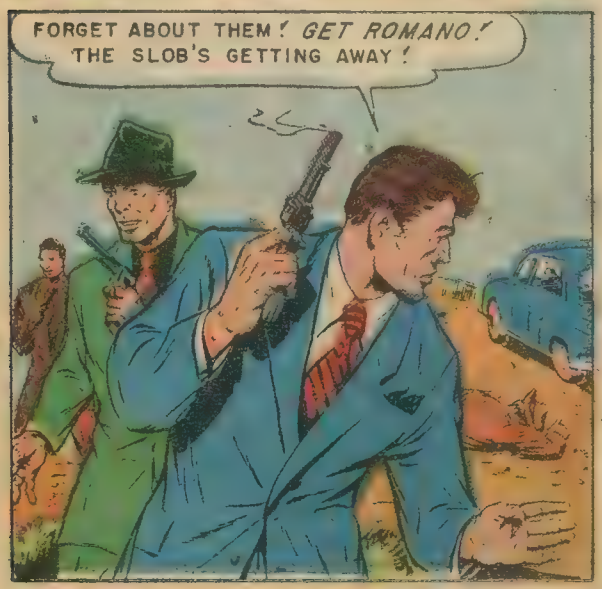
BUT ROMANO DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WORD SPREADS FAST IN SMALL TOWNS! ZEKE AND CHARLIE CALLED IN THEIR OWN TRIGGER MEN!
I'LL GIVE FIVE GRAND TO THE GUY WHO GETS ROMANO!
AND I'LL DOUBLE THAT!

DON'T WORRY, BOYS! LEM WAS MY PAL, TOO! WE'LL TEACH THESE CITY SLICKERS A LESSON!


ROMANO AND HIS HOODS CONVERGED ON THE ELKINS FARMHOUSE, UNAWARE OF THE MASSACRE THAT WAS TO COME...
MAKE IT FAST! WE GOT TO BEAT IT BEFORE THOSE YOKEL COPS GET HERE!
RIGHT, BOSS!

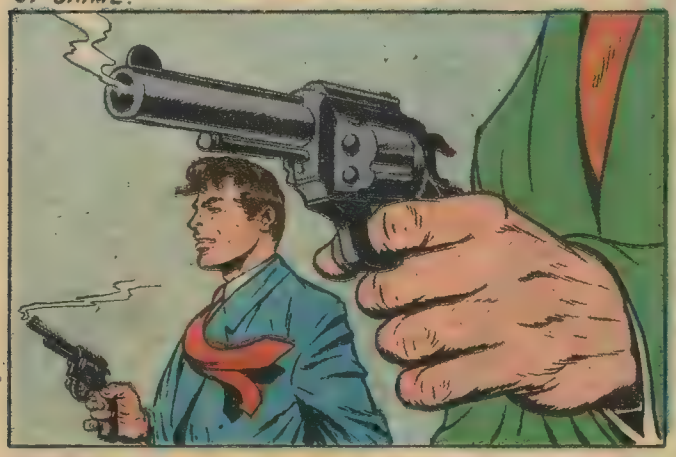
IT'S A TRAP! THEY FOUND OUT! QUICK! PULL OUT!


BUT THE ELKINS GANG HAD CORNERED THEM NEATLY!
THERE GOES ONE OF THEM! HA! HA! GOT HIM RIGHT IN THE BACK!

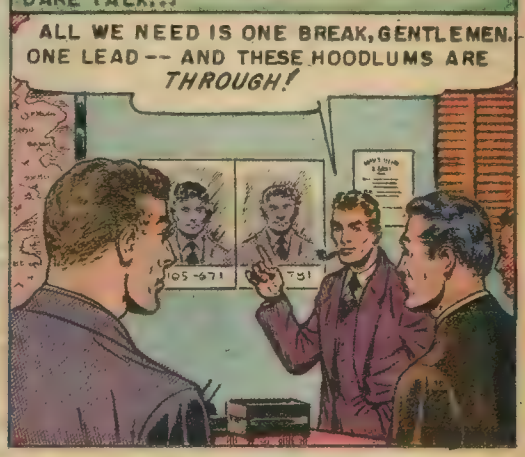

FORGET ABOUT THEM! GET ROMANO! THE SLOB'S GETTING AWAY!

THAT RAT CLEARED OUT! BUT HIS BOYS AIN'T EVER GONNA BREATHE AGAIN! THIS IS FOR LEM!
HOLD IT, ZEKE! LET'S SAVE IT FOR ROMANO!

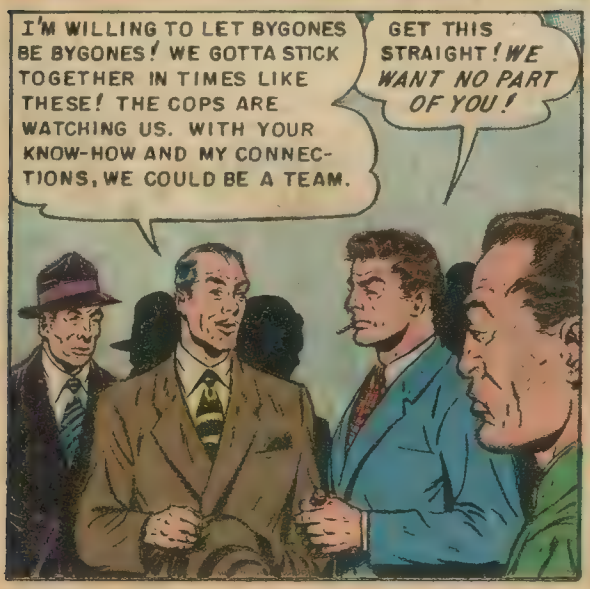
ZEKE AND CHARLIE ELKINS NOW EXPANDED THEIR OPERATIONS TO OTHER TOWNS NEARBY, ALWAYS CONSOLIDATING, ORGANIZING, SEARCHING FOR DOM ROMANO WITH A VENGEANCE. THEY WERE SLOWLY GROWING INTO *VILE LORDS OF CRIME!*

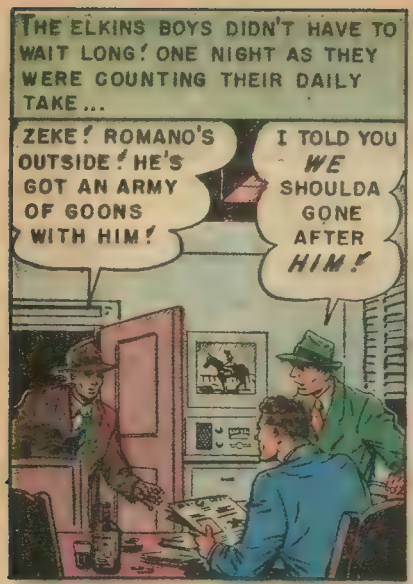


BUT THE LAW WAS INEXORABLY CLOSING IN ON THE NOTORIOUS PAIR! THE MURDERS, HIJACKINGS AND ASSORTED MAYHEM HAD NOT BEEN IGNORED! BUT NO ONE WOULD DARE TALK...



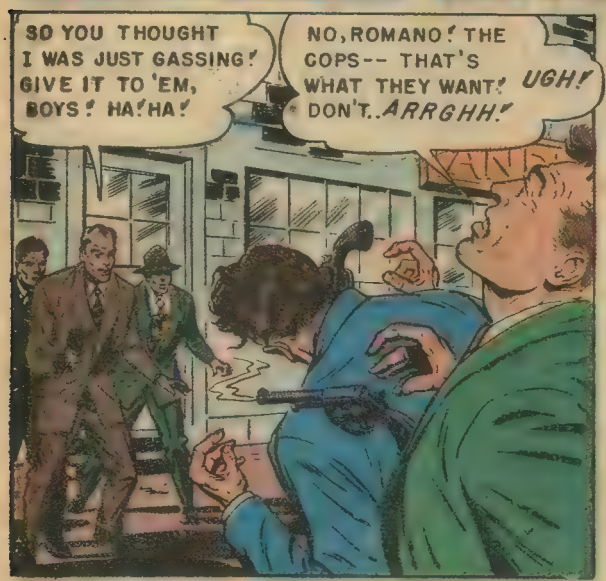
FATE WAS RAPIDLY BRINGING THE ELKINS' CAREER TO AN END. ONE DAY AT THEIR NEWLY-OPENED GAMBLING HALL IN TOWN...




THE ELKINS BOYS DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG! ONE NIGHT AS THEY WERE COUNTING THEIR DAILY TAKE...
ZEKE! ROMANO'S OUTSIDE! HE'S GOT AN ARMY OF GOONS WITH HIM!
I TOLD YOU WE SHOULDA GONE AFTER HIM!

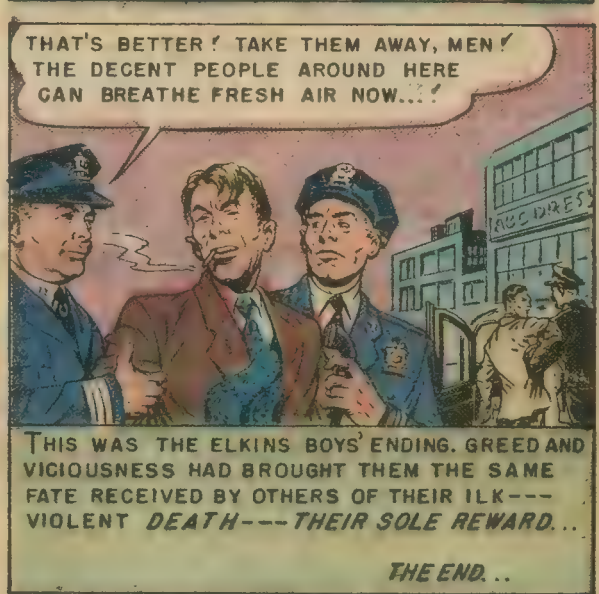
COME ON! OUT THE BACK WAY. WE'LL TAKE 'EM FROM BEHIND!

WAIT! LOOK! COPPERS! THEY MUSTA BEEN WAITING FOR THIS SCRAP!
GOOD! NOW'S OUR CHANCE! WE CAN MAKE A BREAK FOR IT!


SO YOU THOUGHT I WAS JUST GASSING! GIVE IT TO 'EM, BOYS! HA! HA!
NO, ROMANO! THE COPS-- THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT! DON'T..ARRGHH!
UGH!

HA-HA! SO LONG, SUCKERS! ULP...
DROP YOUR GUNS! YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!
WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

NO! NO LOUSY BULL'S GONNA TAKE ME... YAAAAAHHH!
W-WE GIVE UP!


THAT'S BETTER! TAKE THEM AWAY, MEN! THE DECENT PEOPLE AROUND HERE CAN BREATHE FRESH AIR NOW...!
THIS WAS THE ELKINS BOYS' ENDING. GREED AND VICIOUSNESS HAD BROUGHT THEM THE SAME FATE RECEIVED BY OTHERS OF THEIR ILK--- VIOLENT DEATH---THEIR SOLE REWARD...
THE END...

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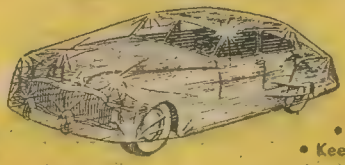

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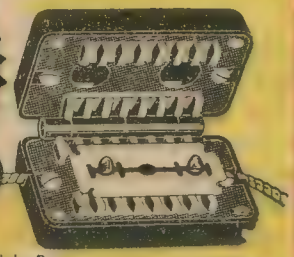

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THE CORPSE IN THE LAKE!

The sanitation man whistled softly to himself as he walked around the shores of the lake, clearing it of refuse and driftwood. Then he stopped whistling and his eyes clouded in annoyance. A wooden barrel lay on the sandy lake shore. It was too large to carry while he completed his task—he would have to make two trips, now! Grumbling, he kicked at the barrel with his foot.

Then he gasped in horror, because the water-soaked cask fell apart to reveal part of a human female torso! Terrified, the old man hurried away to fetch the police.

Inspector Daniel Harmon of the Los Angeles police force was troubled by the case. He and his staff of crime experts sat up late that night, examining minutely every bit of the meager evidence at their disposal. The body had been dissected crudely. What the police had was the lower part of the corpse. The barrel into which it had been stuffed was of a type commonly used for many purposes. But the sharp eyes of Detective—Sergeant William Jameson noticed that the ordinary-looking wire which had been wrapped around the barrel to keep the corpse enclosed was stamped with a serial number.

A check with the leading manufacturer of wire in the Los Angeles region disclosed that the number was the dealer's serial, and that the wire had been sold by them to a hardware store on Ravelon Street.

The Ravelon Street hardware dealer recalled having sold a quantity of the wire to a heavy-set, excited man with thick, bushy eyebrows, on the previous week. Harmon felt interested; the coroner had estimated that the girl had been killed five days before the discovery of the body. This, the police officer felt, might be a good lead! But it led him only to a blank wall.

All the hardware man knew of his customer was that he had been bushy-browed and excited. He had never seen him before or since.

"I could identify him in a minute if I ever catch sight of him again," the shopkeeper said. But Harmon turned away, discouraged.

He had to wait a full week before his next break presented itself. Neighbors of a lovely young voice student notified the police department that 22-year-old Josephine Dumas was missing from her Hollywood apartment.

And this time, when Harmon showed a search warrant to the building superintendant and was shown into Josephine Dumas' apartment, he struck pay dirt! Blood spotted the parlour rugs, and a trail of blood led to a closet which contained a gory dressing gown. Everything pointed to the fact that the murdered girl had been identified. But one big question remained unanswered.

Who had killed her?

Again Detective Jameson supplied a vital lead. "The murderer dismembered her body," he said. "We've been unable to find anything else in the lake. Probably he hid different sections of the body in different places, so that the body would be hard to identify. Therefore, now that we have the identity of the girl established, we have to sift through the list of acquaintances who might possibly have killed her."

Inspector Harmon agreed. The next two weeks were spent in questioning friends and fellow students of Josephine Dumas. Finally, one of the girls questioned volunteered that Josephine had been secretly meeting Charlie Kelly, a young groundkeeper at the music school she attended.

That night police officers were at the apartment of Charles Kelly when he came home. They were prepared to take him in for questioning, but questioning proved to be unnecessary. Kelly was drunk, and when he saw the detectives he smiled.

"I've been wondering when you'd come for me," he said. "I'm glad it's over." He admitted to the drunken killing of Josephine, and showed the authorities where he had hidden the rest of the corpse in an old quarry.

State psychiatrists ruled him insane, and he is now confined in a California State Hospital for the Mentally Ill.

DEATH-- in the Air!

The plane was a light Piper Cub, spotless and trim in a new coat of gleaming aluminum paint. The young man walked around it with a swagger, narrowing his cold brown eyes as he shooed away some youngsters who were clustering around the aircraft. The young flyer had buzzed over the little Massachusetts town until not a citizen of Dutton was unaware that an airplane was in the vicinity. Then he had bounced his light craft to a landing in one of the meadows on the outskirts of town.

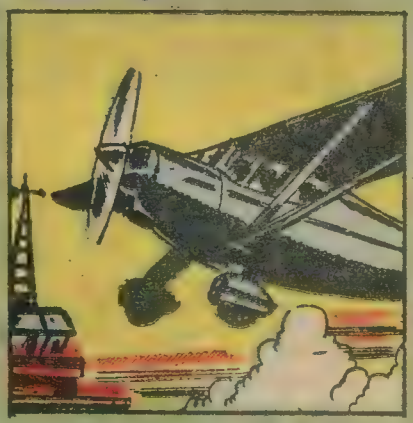
Now he looked with a sort of secretive amusement at the little knot of excited townspeople who came to investigate.

"I'll take anyone here up for a dollar. One dollar gives you a long, long ride. Whaddya say—who's goin' up?"

Hesitantly a 'teen-aged boy dug into his jeans and came up with a crumpled dollar bill. Then another boy stepped forward. And then a man. The aviator laughed in a superior manner.

"Take it easy," he said. "I've got all day. You'll all have a chance to go up." He and the young boy climbed into the small cabin and the New England quiet was split by the shattering cough of the warming-up aircraft.

As the trim ship left the earth and buzzed off through the sun-drenched air, fate caused Archibald Errikson, commander of the local Civil Air patrol, to drive up in his car and stop to see what the excitement was all about. Errikson was on his way to a nearby pond, intending to do some fishing. But when the plane nosed down once more to discharge its passenger and take on another, Errikson 's eyes opened wide in surprise. He pulled out of his inside pocket a little card with a series of numbers on it, and swore softly to himself. The numbers on the card checked exactly with the registration numbers on the plane's wing! This was a plane which three days earlier had been stolen from a private field near Portland, Maine! Errikson hurried off in his car. When he returned it was with the sheriff and three deputies. The plane thief readily gave himself up and admitted his crime. He gave his name as Raymond Forman, showing no sign of resentment as he was booked in the Dutton jailhouse on theft charges.



But by the next morning Dutton police were in no mood to remember his good manners. For during the night Forman had sawed through the bars of his cell window and escaped!

Nothing more was heard about the law-breaking airman until eight days later. At the small air field outside of Silver Point, Connecticut, Joe Sumner was talking with his friend and flying-school partner Herman Kramer, when a stranger walked up to them and asked Sumner to take him up for a lesson.

Their ship, a new biplane, was ready and waiting. Sumner and the stranger got in and went aloft. Sumner was an old hand at aviation instruction.

Back at the field, Kramer began to worry when three hours had passed and his partner had not returned. He notified the authorities, fearing that perhaps Sumner had crashed somewhere and was in need of help. A general alarm was spread, along with a description of the ship.

Late that afternoon the proprieter of a small field outside of Glens Falls, N. Y., was astounded to see the hunted ship drop onto his field and taxi toward the hangar from which he observed it. But even as it rolled toward him he was calling the police. When the pilot got out and asked whether he could buy some gas, the airfield owner agreed to sell him the fuel, and slowly started to service the plane. Five minutes later the police arrived and arrested Raymond Forman.

Inside the plane, the back of his head blown off, was the body of Joseph Sumner!

As before, Forman made no fuss. But this time he did not get away. On August 11, 1946, he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

He will neither fly nor kill again!

ALICE CORT— Hollywood Hellcat

YOU BROUGHT IT ON YOURSELF, JERK! THIS'S WHAT YOU GET FOR GIVIN' HER THE GONG!

ALICE CORT WAS MOVIE CRAZY. SHE'D CLOSE HER EYES AND SEE HERSELF ON THE SILVER SCREEN. SHE'D SEE THE MOBS OF AUTOGRAPH HUNTERS TRAILING AFTER HER. IT WAS A WONDERFUL PIPE DREAM FOR A SHE-KILLER WITH A POLICE RECORD! BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY ALICE CORT COULD REALIZE HER FANTASTIC AMBITIONS--THROUGH HOMICIDE AND MURDER!

ALICE CORT'S OBSESSION CAME UPON HER SUDDENLY. AS SUDDENLY AS HER GANG MOVED IN ON A CHICAGO LOOP RESTAURANT IN 1943, AT CLOSING TIME...

RAISE 'EM! THIS IS A STICK UP!

THIEVES! THI---EEAAE!

ALICE! A COPPER!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM, DALE! JUST CLEAN OUT THAT REGISTER!

MOMENTS LATER...

REMEMBER, SUCKERS...BULLETS GO THROUGH CAFETERIA WINDOWS, SO DON'T PULL ANY FUNNY STUFF WHEN WE LEAVE, OR WE'LL SAY GOOD-BYE WITH SLUGS THROUGH YOUR HEADS!

THAT GIRL...I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE HER!

SHE'S GOT THE BODY OF A WOMAN, BUT THE HEART OF A WILD ANIMAL...A TIGRESS! SHE'S WORSE THAN ANY MAN!

MEANWHILE, IN THE GETAWAY CAR...

THAT BULL WOULD HAVE HAD US IF NOT FOR YOUR SHOOTING, BABY! THIS IS YOUR NIGHT, KIDDIE! YOU CAN TELL US HOW YOU WANT TO CELEBRATE!

THERE'S A PREMIERE OF KITTY TREMAIRE'S NEW MUSICAL...

...IF I HAD ONE WISH, I'D WANT TO BE A STAR...*A STAR!* THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWING MY NAME...MY FACE...

IT'D BE JUST TOO BAD IF THEY DID! YOU'D BE WARMING THE HOT SEAT, KIDDO! THERE'S FOUR MURDERS THEY COULD PIN ON YOU!

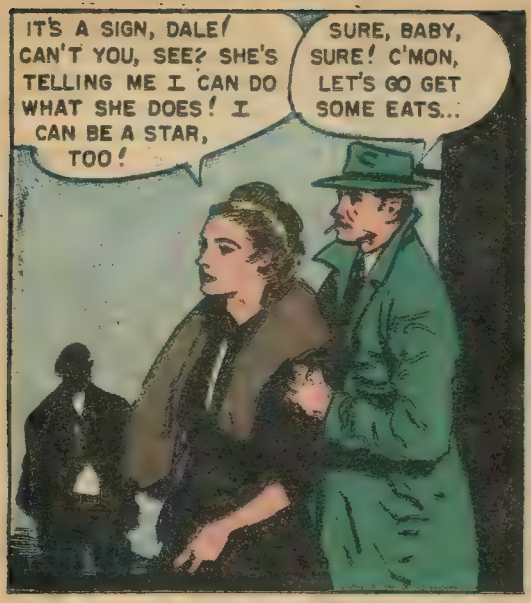
THREE HOURS LATER...

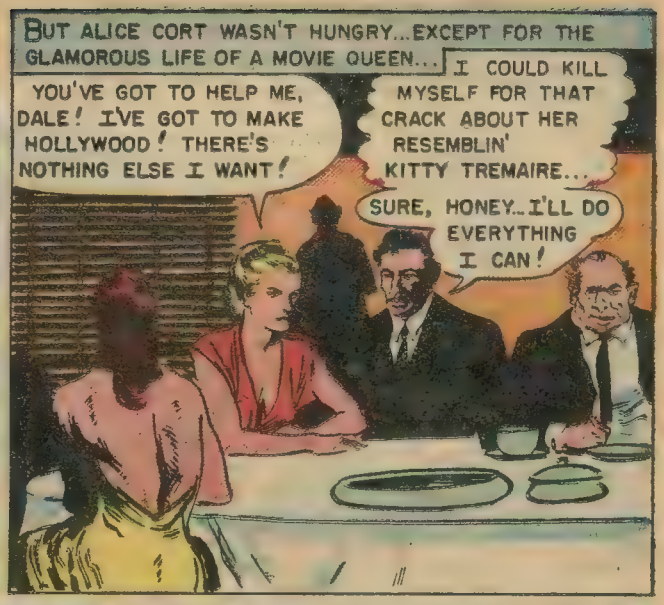
C'MON, BABY! WE CAME IN ON THIS SCENE. WHERE KITTY TREMAIRE GOES ON IN PLACE OF THE BIG STAR...

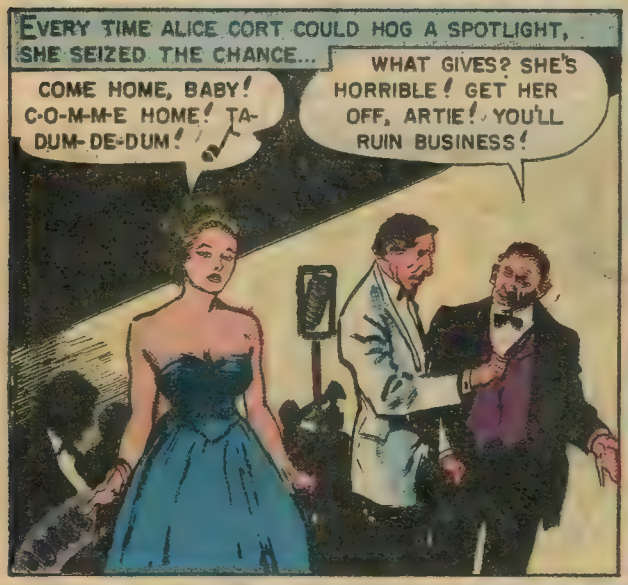
ISN'T SHE WONDERFUL, DALE? SHE'S GOT EVERY-THING...LOOKS... TALENT...

SPEAKIN' OF KITTY TREMAIRE... DID I EVER TELL YOU, KIDDO, YOU'RE A DEAD RINGER FOR HER? YES, SIR, I GOT MY OWN MOVIE STAR UNDER EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT TO ME!

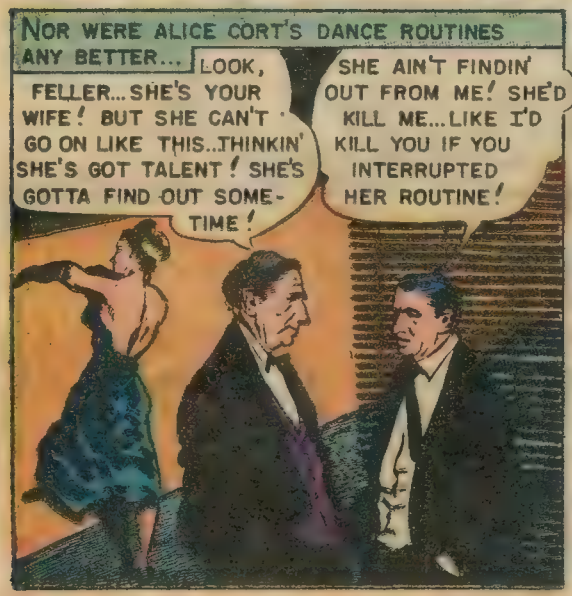
WAIT! YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S WHY I LIKE KITTY TREMAIRE! SHE'S THE SPITTING IMAGE OF ME!


IT'S A SIGN, DALE! CAN'T YOU, SEE? SHE'S TELLING ME I CAN DO WHAT SHE DOES! I CAN BE A STAR, TOO!
SURE, BABY, SURE! C'MON, LET'S GO GET SOME EATS...


BUT ALICE CORT WASN'T HUNGRY...EXCEPT FOR THE GLAMOROUS LIFE OF A MOVIE QUEEN...
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME, DALE! I'VE GOT TO MAKE HOLLYWOOD! THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I WANT!
I COULD KILL MYSELF FOR THAT CRACK ABOUT HER RESEMBLIN' KITTY TREMAIRE...
SURE, HONEY...I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN!


EVERY TIME ALICE CORT COULD HOG A SPOTLIGHT, SHE SEIZED THE CHANCE...
COME HOME, BABY! C-O-M-M-E HOME! TA-DUM-DE-DUM!
WHAT GIVES? SHE'S HORRIBLE! GET HER OFF, ARTIE! YOU'LL RUIN BUSINESS!

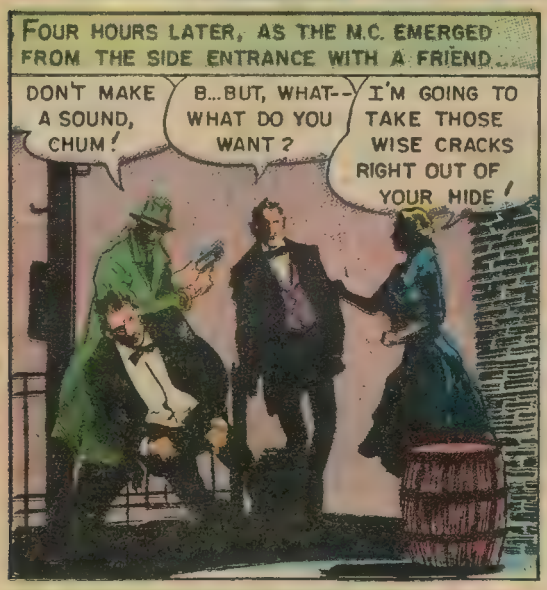
HOW WAS I, HONEY? DID I COME OVER?
IF I HADN'T HELD A GUN IN THE MANAGER'S BACK, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE MADE THE SECOND CHORUS!
YOU KNOCKED 'EM DEAD, BABY!

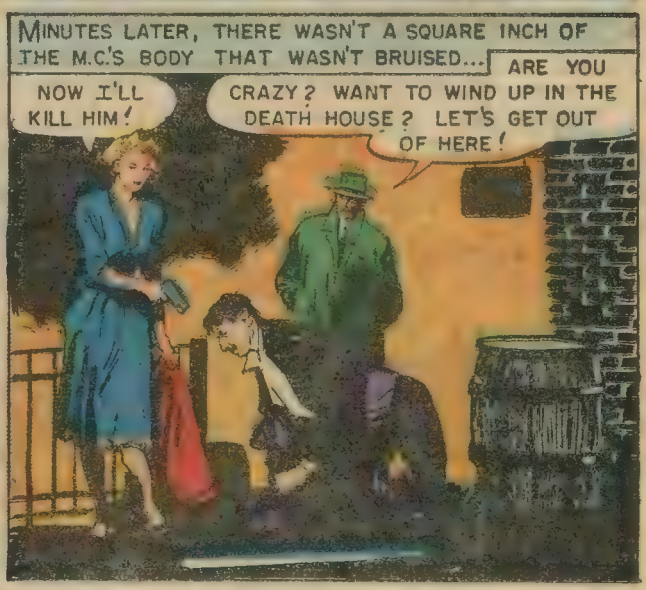

NOR WERE ALICE CORT'S DANCE ROUTINES ANY BETTER...
LOOK, FELLER...SHE'S YOUR WIFE! BUT SHE CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS..THINKIN' SHE'S GOT TALENT! SHE'S GOTTA FIND OUT SOME-TIME!
SHE AIN'T FINDIN' OUT FROM ME! SHE'D KILL ME...LIKE I'D KILL YOU IF YOU INTERRUPTED HER ROUTINE!

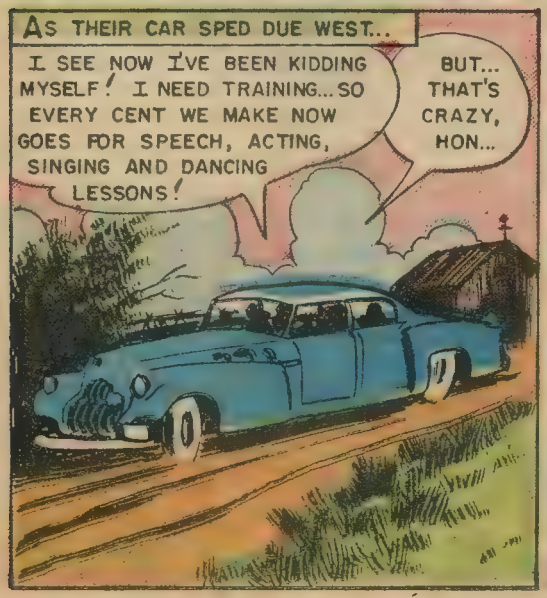
BUT THE SHOWDOWN CAME A FEW WEEKS LATER... AT A ST. LOUIS MOVIE THEATRE...
I WASN'T ABLE TO GET TO THE M.C.!
...BUT MAYBE YOU AIN'T READY FOR STIFF COMPETITION, ALICE!
ARE YOU CRAZY? LOOK HOW MANY HONKEY-TONKS I GOT UP TO SING AND DANCE IN! I'M A CINCH TO COP FIRST PRIZE!
TONIGHT BIG CONTEST
HOLLYWOOD TALENT SCOUT

AN HOUR LATER, ALICE CORT'S TURN CAME... AND ENDED...SUDDENLY...
TAKE HER AWAY! SHE'S TERRIBLE!
SORRY, MISS! BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME! I'M GOING ON!

THERE WERE SHRIEKS, THREATS, CURSES! THEN THE ATTENDANTS CAME...
SORRY, FOLKS, BUT THIS IS A THEATRE. WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOLLYWOOD TALENT, NOT HOG CALLERS!
YOU DIRTY... YOU ASKED FOR IT! YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT! WAIT!

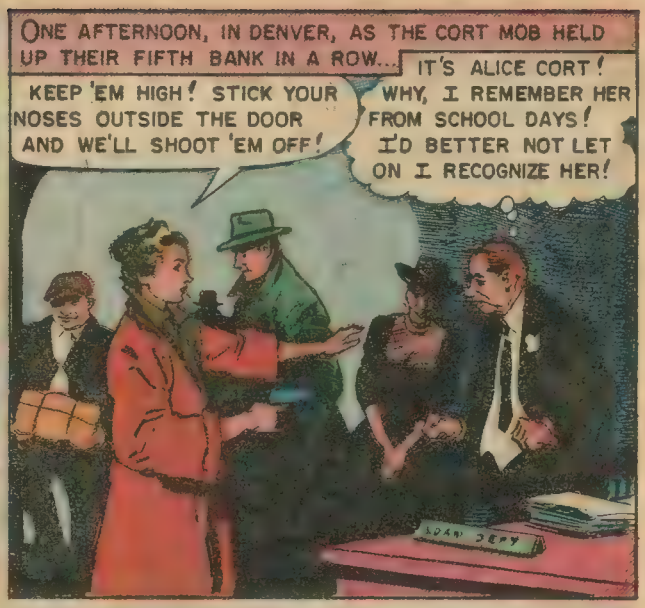

FOUR HOURS LATER, AS THE M.C. EMERGED FROM THE SIDE ENTRANCE WITH A FRIEND...
DON'T MAKE A SOUND, CHUM!
B...BUT, WHAT-- WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I'M GOING TO TAKE THOSE WISE CRACKS RIGHT OUT OF YOUR HIDE!

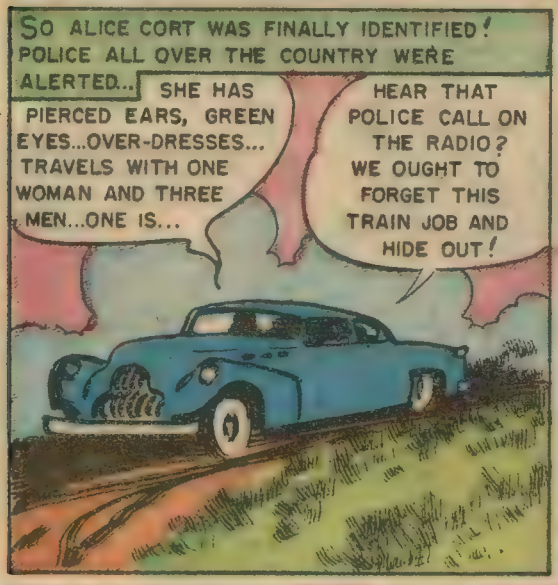

MINUTES LATER, THERE WASN'T A SQUARE INCH OF THE M.C.'S BODY THAT WASN'T BRUISED...
NOW I'LL KILL HIM!
ARE YOU CRAZY? WANT TO WIND UP IN THE DEATH HOUSE? LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!


AS THEIR CAR SPED DUE WEST...
I SEE NOW I'VE BEEN KIDDING MYSELF! I NEED TRAINING...SO EVERY CENT WE MAKE NOW GOES FOR SPEECH, ACTING, SINGING AND DANCING LESSONS!
BUT... THAT'S CRAZY, HON...

CRAZY, AM I? YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING! WE PULL NOTHING BUT BIG JOBS FROM NOW ON! I NEED BIG MONEY! ANY OBJECTIONS?
N...NO...! NO!

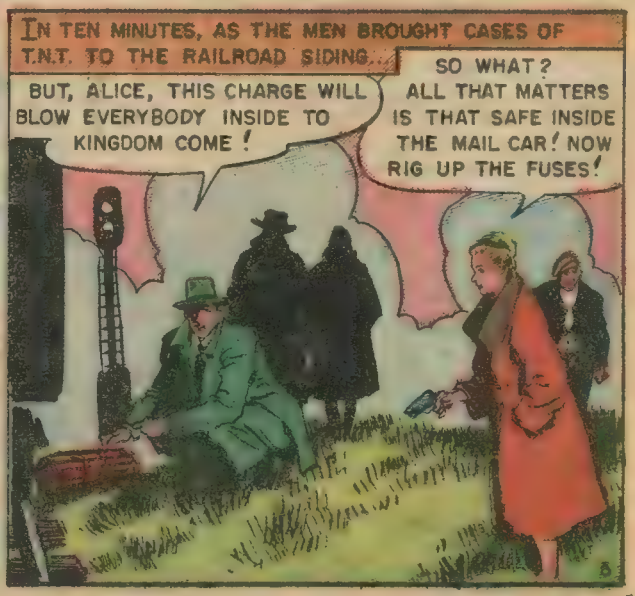
THE GANG MOVED THROUGH THE WEST LIKE A PLAGUE, LEAVING ONLY DEATH AND DESTRUCTION IN ITS WAKE...
ANOTHER TWENTY GRAND! WE'RE GETTING THERE!

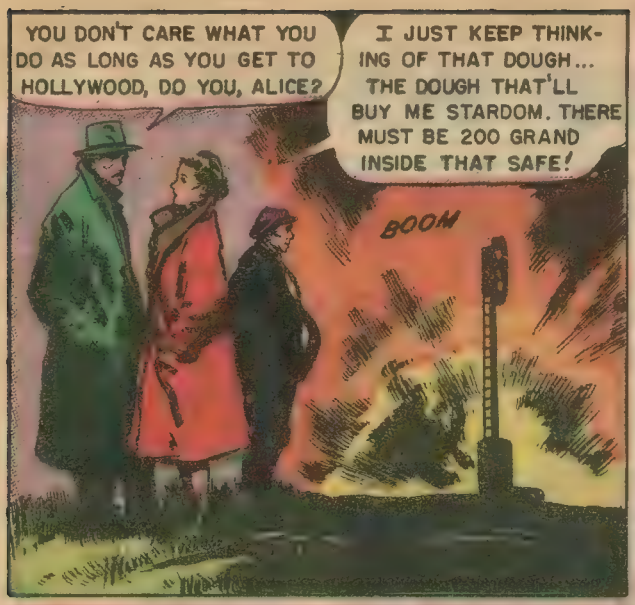

ONE AFTERNOON, IN DENVER, AS THE CORT MOB HELD UP THEIR FIFTH BANK IN A ROW...
KEEP 'EM HIGH! STICK YOUR NOSES OUTSIDE THE DOOR AND WE'LL SHOOT 'EM OFF!
IT'S ALICE CORT! WHY, I REMEMBER HER FROM SCHOOL DAYS! I'D BETTER NOT LET ON I RECOGNIZE HER!

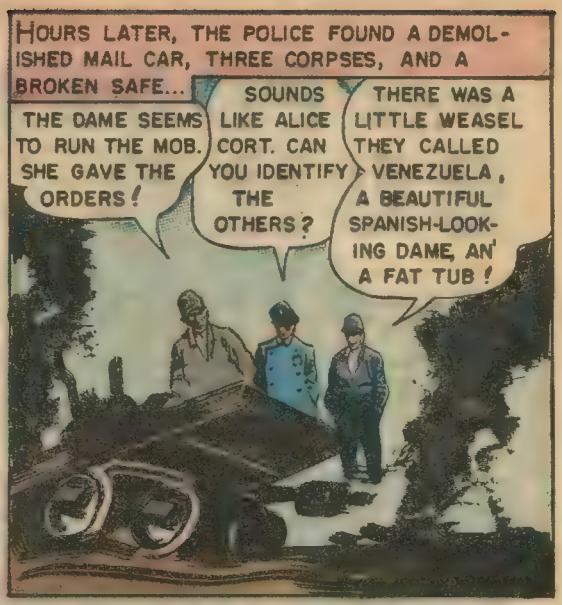

SO ALICE CORT WAS FINALLY IDENTIFIED! POLICE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WERE ALERTED...
SHE HAS PIERCED EARS, GREEN EYES...OVER-DRESSES... TRAVELS WITH ONE WOMAN AND THREE MEN...ONE IS...
HEAR THAT POLICE CALL ON THE RADIO? WE OUGHT TO FORGET THIS TRAIN JOB AND HIDE OUT!

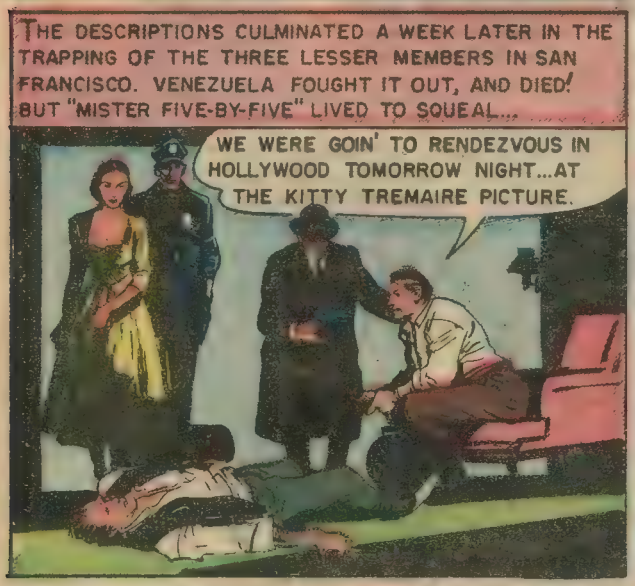
WE WON'T BE IN ANY WORSE HOT WATER AFTER THIS JOB THAN BEFORE IT...AND WE'LL BE $150,000 RICHER! COME ON!

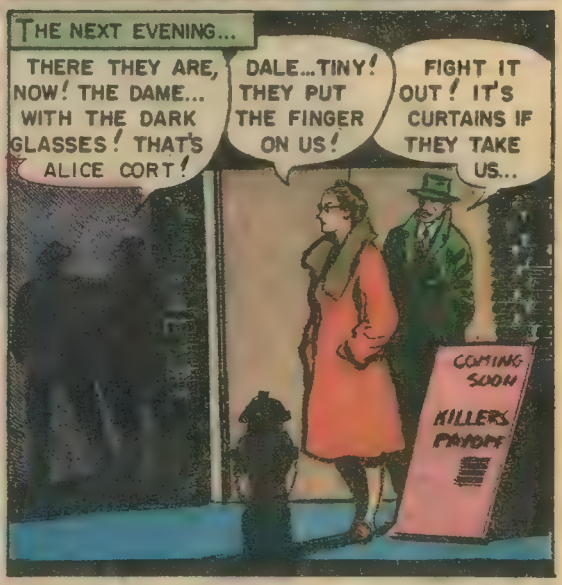
THAT'S TO SHOW YOU CRUMBS WE MEAN BUSINESS! UNCOUPLE THE CAB FROM THE REST OF THE TRAIN!
Y...YES, MA'AM!


IN TEN MINUTES, AS THE MEN BROUGHT CASES OF T.N.T. TO THE RAILROAD SIDING...
BUT, ALICE, THIS CHARGE WILL BLOW EVERYBODY INSIDE TO KINGDOM COME!
SO WHAT? ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT SAFE INSIDE THE MAIL CAR! NOW RIG UP THE FUSES!

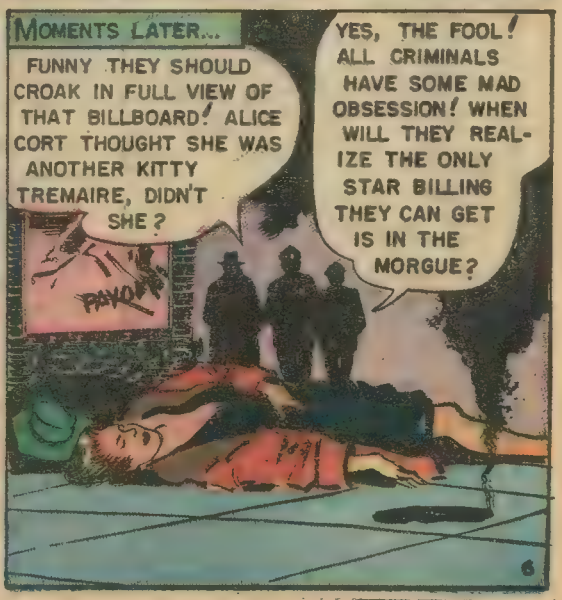

YOU DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO AS LONG AS YOU GET TO HOLLYWOOD, DO YOU, ALICE?
I JUST KEEP THINKING OF THAT DOUGH... THE DOUGH THAT'LL BUY ME STARDOM. THERE MUST BE 200 GRAND INSIDE THAT SAFE!
BOOM


HOURS LATER, THE POLICE FOUND A DEMOLISHED MAIL CAR, THREE CORPSES, AND A BROKEN SAFE...
THE DAME SEEMS TO RUN THE MOB. SHE GAVE THE ORDERS!
SOUNDS LIKE ALICE CORT. CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE OTHERS?
THERE WAS A LITTLE WEASEL THEY CALLED VENEZUELA, A BEAUTIFUL SPANISH-LOOKING DAME, AN' A FAT TUB!


THE DESCRIPTIONS CULMINATED A WEEK LATER IN THE TRAPPING OF THE THREE LESSER MEMBERS IN SAN FRANCISCO. VENEZUELA FOUGHT IT OUT, AND DIED! BUT "MISTER FIVE-BY-FIVE" LIVED TO SQUEAL...
WE WERE GOIN' TO RENDEZVOUS IN HOLLYWOOD TOMORROW NIGHT...AT THE KITTY TREMAIRE PICTURE.


THE NEXT EVENING...
THERE THEY ARE, NOW! THE DAME... WITH THE DARK GLASSES! THAT'S ALICE CORT!
DALE...TINY! THEY PUT THE FINGER ON US!
FIGHT IT OUT! IT'S CURTAINS IF THEY TAKE US...
COMING SOON
KILLERS PAYOFF

OKAY, MEN! LET 'EM HAVE IT! THIS IS HOW THEY WANT IT!
D..DALE...!


MOMENTS LATER...
FUNNY THEY SHOULD CROAK IN FULL VIEW OF THAT BILLBOARD! ALICE CORT THOUGHT SHE WAS ANOTHER KITTY TREMAIRE, DIDN'T SHE?
YES, THE FOOL! ALL CRIMINALS HAVE SOME MAD OBSESSION! WHEN WILL THEY REALIZE THE ONLY STAR BILLING THEY CAN GET IS IN THE MORGUE?
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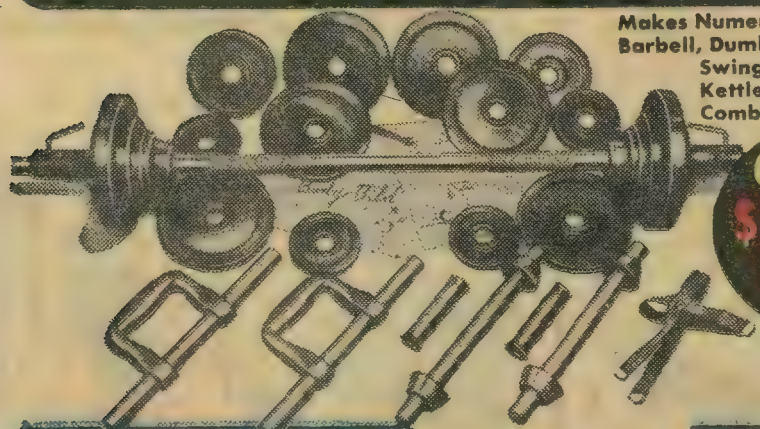

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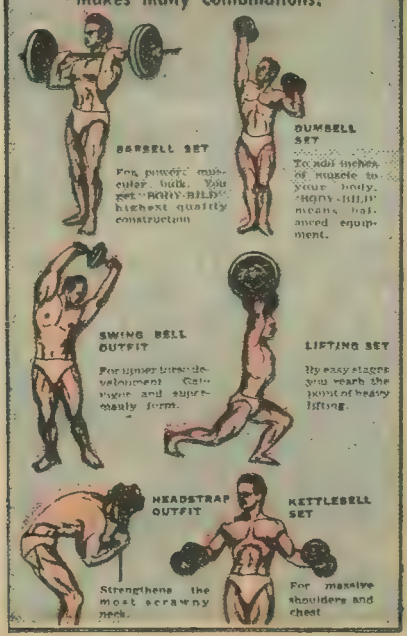

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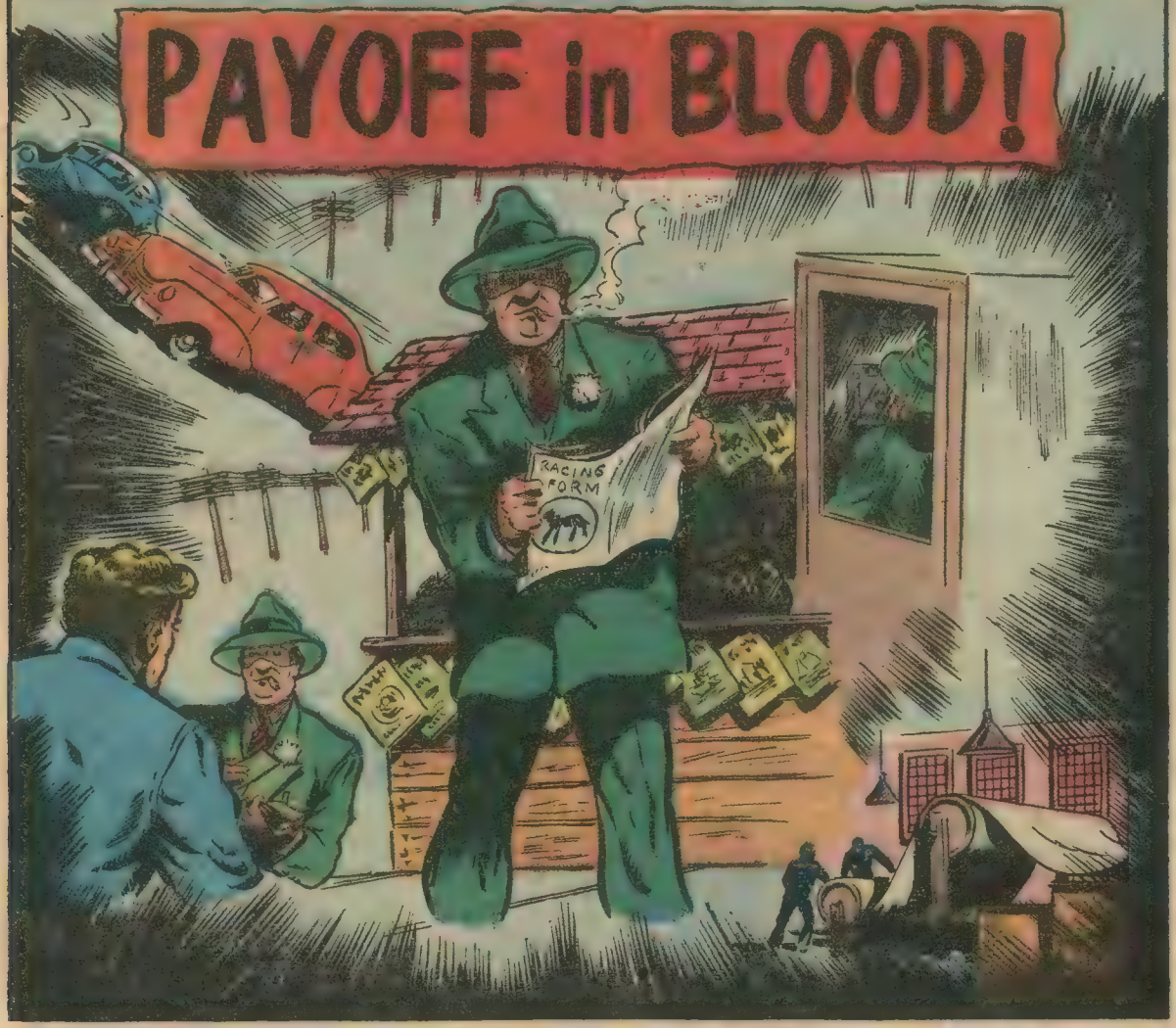
HE WAS A REPORTER FOR A GREAT AMERICAN DAILY, YET HE HAD NEVER WRITTEN A LINE FOR HIS PAPER, AND HAD NEVER HAD HIS NAME ON A STORY. . . . UNTIL JUNE 9, 1930! THAT DAY HE MADE BANNER HEADLINES WITH A STORY WRITTEN IN HIS OWN BLOOD...

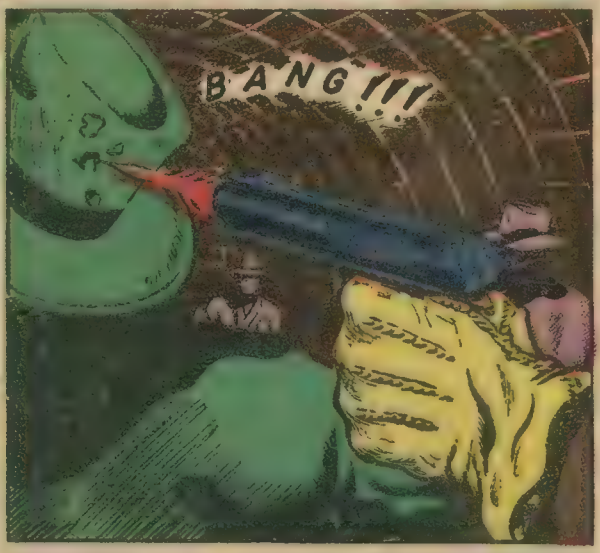
PAYOFF in BLOOD!

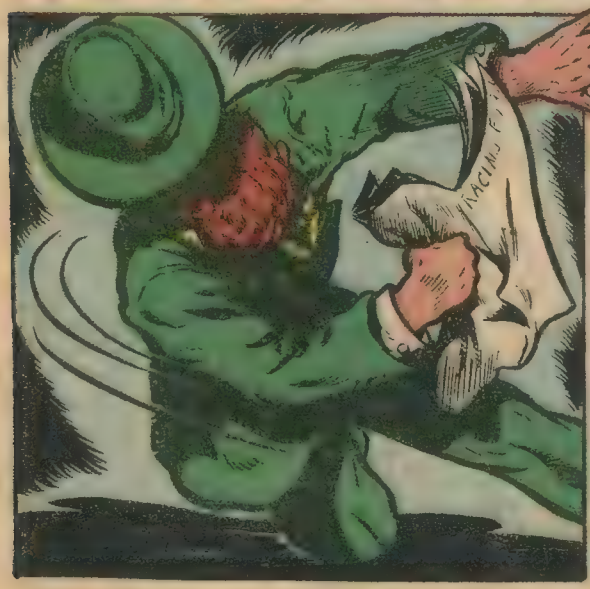


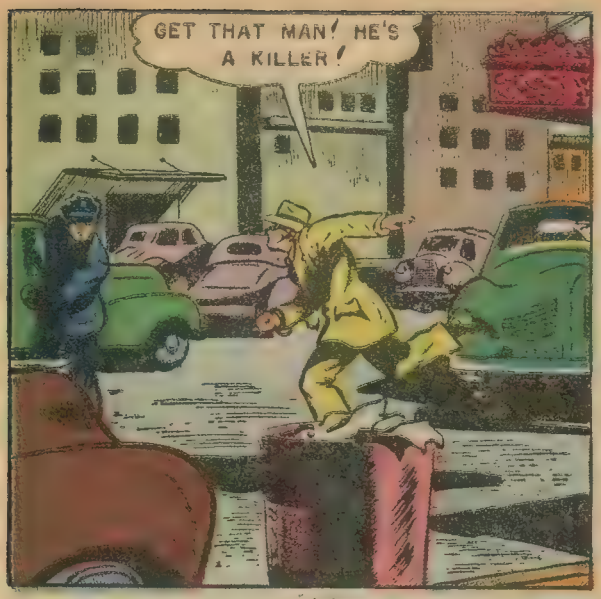
IT WAS AFTER 1:00 P.M.! NOW THAT LEGMAN LONG HAD BREAKFASTED, WAS HE HEADING FOR HIS NEWSPAPER OFFICE? NO, HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO WASHINGTON PARK RACE TRACK...

"PLAY HY SCHNEIDER IN THE THIRD" PERHAPS THAT WAS A CUE TO THE MEN WHO WERE FOLLOWING JACK LONG--- A WAY OF PUTTING HIM ON THE SPOT! IN A MOMENT HE WOULD MAKE THE HEADLINES...

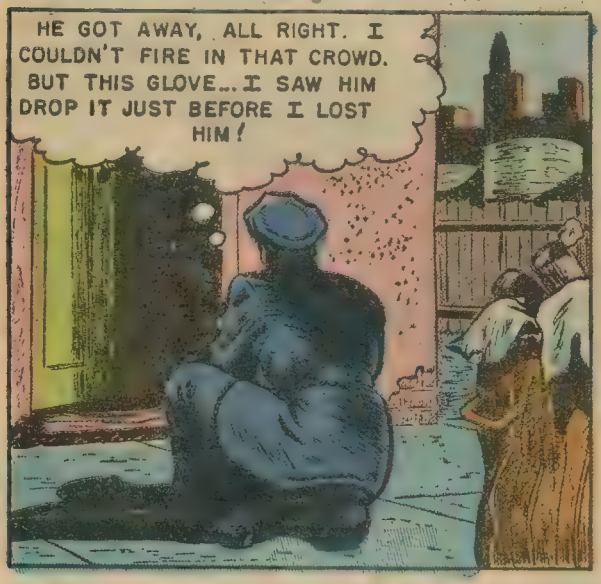
AS HIS COMPANION TURNED BACK TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE TUNNEL UNDER MICHIGAN AVENUE, THE TALLER OF THE TWO, FOLLOWING LONG, MOVED FORWARD...



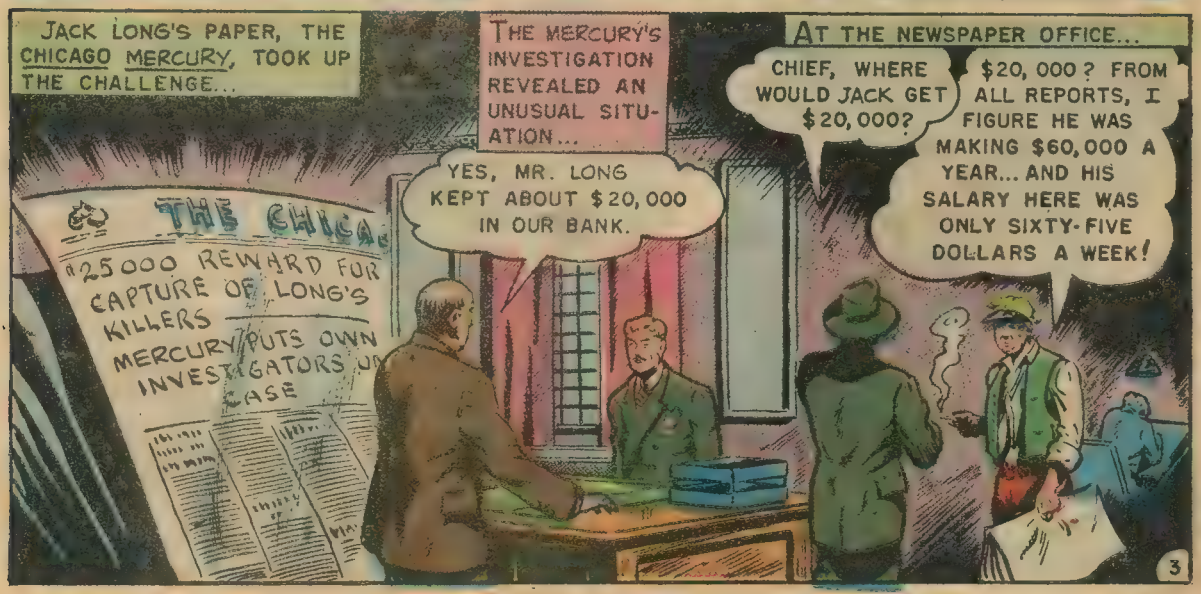



GET THAT MAN! HE'S A KILLER!

STOP! STOP, OR I'LL FIRE!


HE GOT AWAY, ALL RIGHT. I COULDN'T FIRE IN THAT CROWD. BUT THIS GLOVE... I SAW HIM DROP IT JUST BEFORE I LOST HIM!

YES, IT'S THE KILLER'S GLOVE.... TO PREVENT FINGERPRINTS...A LEFT HAND GLOVE...FOR A LEFT-HANDED KILLER!


JACK LONG'S PAPER, THE CHICAGO MERCURY, TOOK UP THE CHALLENGE...
THE MERCURY'S INVESTIGATION REVEALED AN UNUSUAL SITUATION...
YES, MR. LONG KEPT ABOUT $20,000 IN OUR BANK.
AT THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE...
CHIEF, WHERE WOULD JACK GET $20,000?
$20,000? FROM ALL REPORTS, I FIGURE HE WAS MAKING $60,000 A YEAR... AND HIS SALARY HERE WAS ONLY SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS A WEEK!
THE CHICA
$25000 REWARD FOR CAPTURE OF LONG'S KILLERS
MERCURY PUTS OWN INVESTIGATORS ON CASE

JACK LONG HAD NEVER LOOKED LIKE $60,000 A YEAR. AT TWENTY HE HAD JOINED THE MERCURY AS A COPY BOY — A FRIENDLY KID WHO MADE FRIENDS EASILY...

HELLO, BILL! WHAT'S UP?

LET'S TAKE A WALK, KID. I GOT NEWS!!

HEY, WHADDAYA WANT ME FOR, COPPER?

YOU KNOW! FOR THE STICK-UP AND MURDER AT THE POOLROOM AROUND THE CORNER!

I GOT A SCOOP FOR YA, BOSS. THE LOWDOWN ON THE POOLROOM STICKUP! YOU'LL BEAT THE OTHER PAPERS BY HOURS!

NICE GOING, JACK! LET'S HAVE THE DOPE! WE'LL WRITE IT UP!

IN TIME, JACK LONG KNEW ALMOST EVERY COP, HIGHER-UP AND POLITICIAN IN CHICAGO! HE BECAME A LEG MAN — ONE WHO GATHERS NEWS BUT DOES NOT WRITE IT...

THEN IN 1919 CAME PROHIBITION AND ITS RESULTING GANG WARS.

IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT JACK LONG SHOULD ALSO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH GANGSTERS...

HE BECAME A FRIEND OF JOE REYNOLD'S...

A DIAMOND STUDDED BELT BUCKLE — WELL THANKS, JOE!

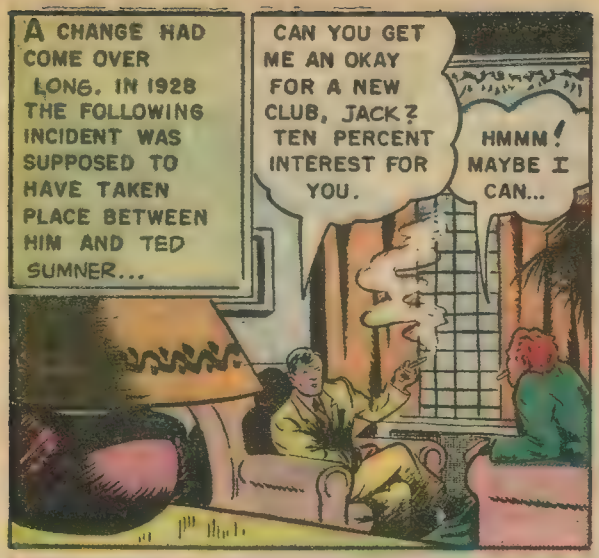
JUST A LITTLE TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, JACK!

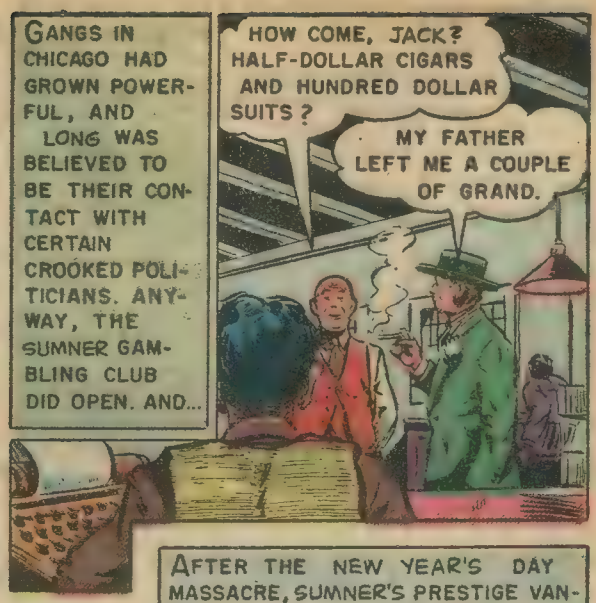
AND WHEN REYNOLD ORDERED THE MURDER OF ANOTHER GANGSTER, ED COOPER.....

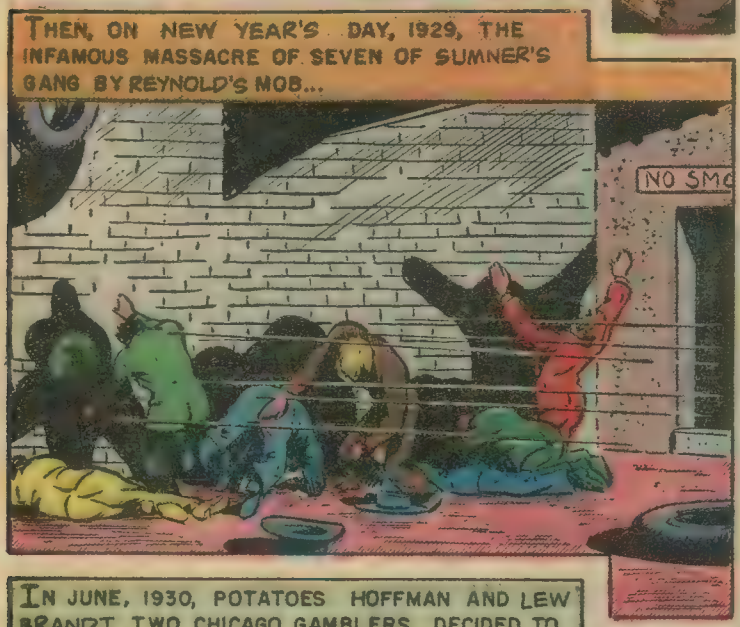
AT THE SAME TIME, LONG WAS A FRIEND OF TED SUMNER ONE OF THE BIG SHOTS OF COOPER'S MOB...

YOU CAN TELL REYNOLD I'LL GET EVEN WITH HIM FOR KNOCKING OFF ED, JACK!

YEAH, NEXT TIME I SEE HIM!


A CHANGE HAD COME OVER LONG. IN 1928 THE FOLLOWING INCIDENT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN HIM AND TED SUMNER...
CAN YOU GET ME AN OKAY FOR A NEW CLUB, JACK? TEN PERCENT INTEREST FOR YOU.
HMMM! MAYBE I CAN...


GANGS IN CHICAGO HAD GROWN POWERFUL, AND LONG WAS BELIEVED TO BE THEIR CONTACT WITH CERTAIN CROOKED POLITICIANS. ANYWAY, THE SUMNER GAMBLING CLUB DID OPEN. AND...
HOW COME, JACK? HALF-DOLLAR CIGARS AND HUNDRED DOLLAR SUITS?
MY FATHER LEFT ME A COUPLE OF GRAND.


THEN, ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1929, THE INFAMOUS MASSACRE OF SEVEN OF SUMNER'S GANG BY REYNOLD'S MOB...
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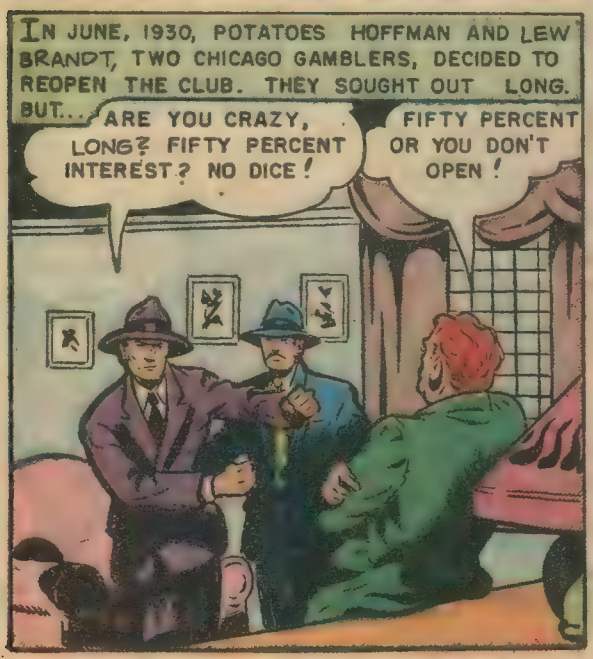
AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSACRE, SUMNER'S PRESTIGE VANISHED. HIS GAMBLING CLUB WAS CLOSED...
SHERIDAN WAVE TOURNA


IN JUNE, 1930, POTATOES HOFFMAN AND LEW BRANDT, TWO CHICAGO GAMBLERS, DECIDED TO REOPEN THE CLUB. THEY SOUGHT OUT LONG. BUT...
ARE YOU CRAZY, LONG? FIFTY PERCENT INTEREST? NO DICE!
FIFTY PERCENT OR YOU DON'T OPEN!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, ANYWAY?
FIFTY PERCENT, OR YOU'LL HAVE MORE SQUAD CARS IN FRONT OF YOUR JOINT THAN YOU EVER SAW BEFORE!

ON THE DAY HOFFMAN AND BRANDT WERE TO OPEN THEIR CLUB, JACK LONG LAY DEAD. THAT DAY HE MADE HEADLINES, AND OPENED A SCANDAL NONE OF HIS FELLOW WORKERS OR HIS PAPER HAD EVEN SUSPECTED...
RACING
SHORTLY AFTER LONG'S MURDER, A SLIMY LITTLE MOBSTER NAMED RALPH COGIN, BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE SUMNER GANG, WAS SURPRISED WHILE PLAYING A SLOT MACHINE...
HELLO, RALPH!
AIY-Y-Y-YA-A-A!
COGIN WAS KNOWN AS A STOOL PIGEON. PERHAPS THE SUMNER GANG WAS AFRAID HE WOULD TELL WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT LONG'S MURDER...TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE...
THE SEARCH FOR LONG'S KILLER WENT ON RELENTLESSLY. JEFF DOLAN, AN UNDERCOVER MAN, LIVED OVER TWO MONTHS IN THE UNDERWORLD MAKING ACQUAINTANCES, KEEPING ALERT. THEN...
KNOW WHO KILLED LONG, PAL? I DO. A GUY NAMED LON BRESTON!
BRESTON, EH?--LOCAL?
DECEMBER 21, 1930, IN CHICAGO---
ALL RIGHT, BRESTON! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
ME?—WHAT FOR?! YOU GOT NOTHIN' ON ME, COPPER!!
LAUNDRY
FIFTEEN PEOPLE IDENTIFIED BRESTON AS THE BLOND KILLER. HIS COMPANION, BELIEVED TO BE A SUMNER GANGSTER, WAS NOT IDENTIFIED. BUT BRESTON, ON A COMPROMISE VERDICT BY THE JURY, RECEIVED...
...FOURTEEN YEARS AT HARD LABOR!
JUSTICE
FOR APPREHENDING BRESTON --A HIRED KILLER--JEFF DOLAN RECEIVED THE MERCURY REWARD. BUT WHO HIRED BRESTON WAS NEVER LEARNED. THE DISCOVERY OF LONG'S DISHONESTY TO HIS PAPER AND PUBLIC TRUST, HOWEVER, AWAKENED CIVIC VIGILANCE IN FIGHTING CHICAGO CRIME!
—THE END—

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the boys shouted at me
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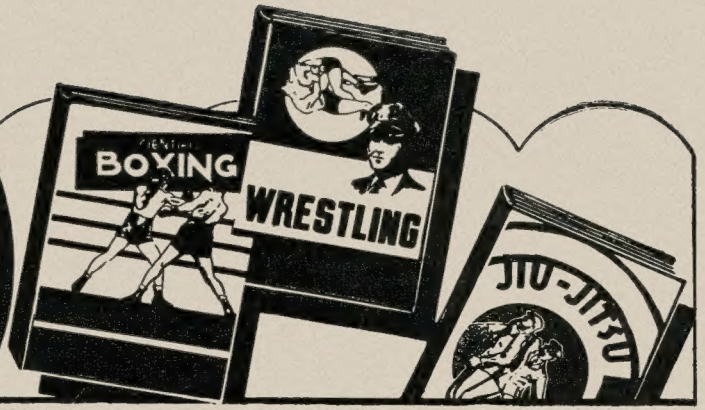

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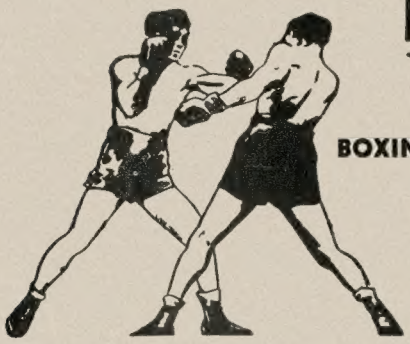

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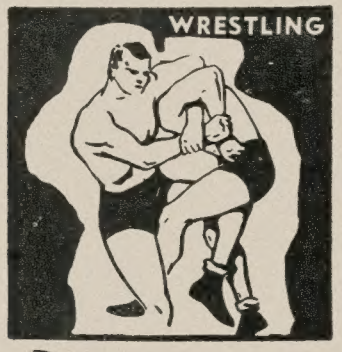

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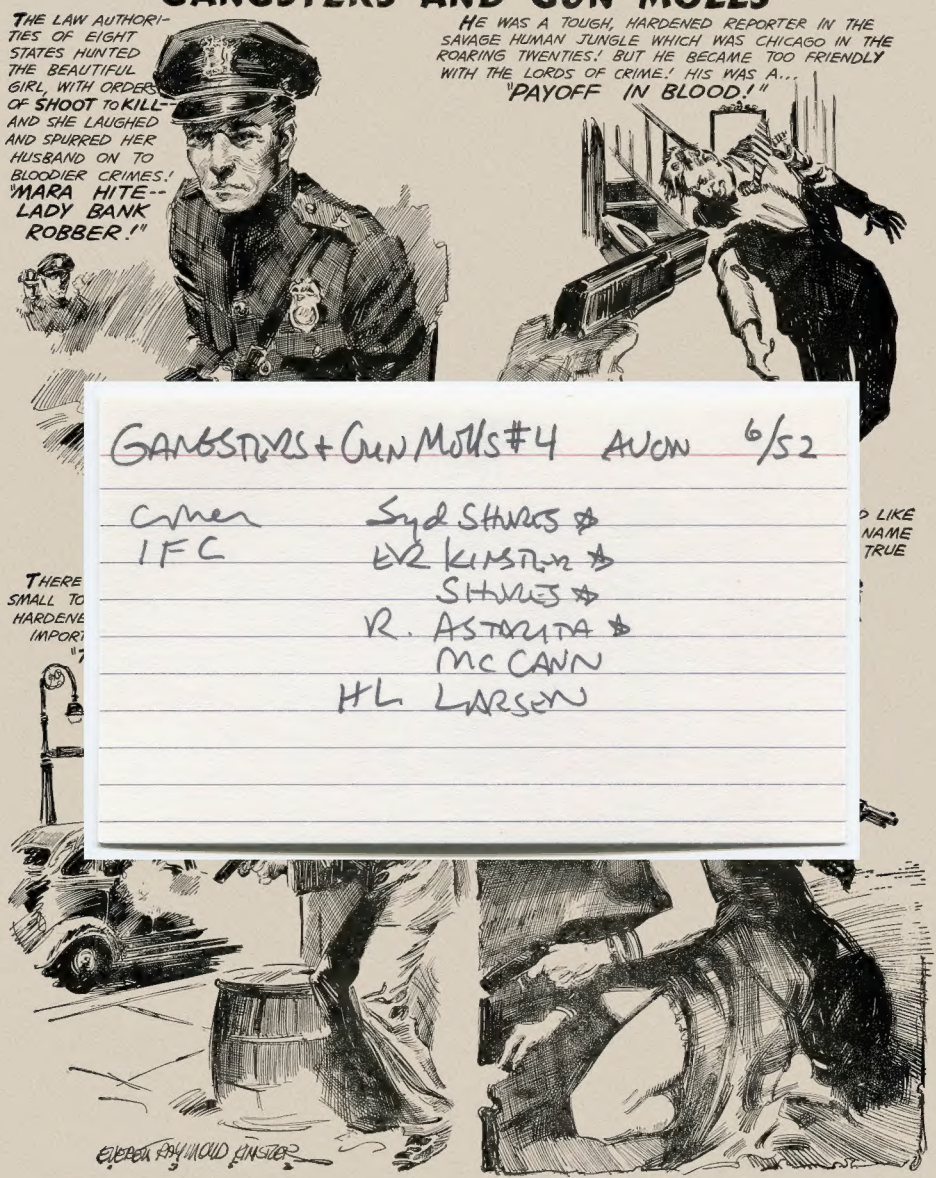

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